gone home by 3 p.m. Sir, I took part in this Bill because I was concerned with the interests of the shareholders who have invested their money in these concerns. Sir, I was not so much concerned with the interests of the licensees. I am glad that some assurance was given on some of the amendments moved. I am sure sooner or later Government will themselves realize that where the interests of shareholders are concerned, they should have been much more sympathetic and generous. Sir, I am one of those who has always had a sneaking admiration (laughter) for the Hon. Minister for Public Works. He knows, whenever I get an opportunity, I plead for the cause in which I am interested. At the same time, Sir, I must confess, whenever I criticize him, he always takes the criticism in the light in which it is offered, as neither he nor I have any personal interest to serve. All that we are both interested in is to see that whatever Government do must bring utmost benefit to the common man. So, I thought I should bring to the notice of Government some of the points of the shareholders so that they may be in the minds of Government and they may see that as generous treatment as possible is given to them, and that the moneys they have invested are not lost. With these words, Sir, I have great pleasure in supporting the Bill."

* THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, I am obliged to Sri R. Suryanarayana Rao for the considerable attention he has bestowed on this Bill. I can assure him once again that Government have bestowed considerable thought on the interests of the shareholders in framing this Bill and also while considering the Bill in the Select Committee stage."

THE DEPUTY PRESIDENT :—" The question is—

'that the Madras Electricity Supply Undertakings (Acquisition) Bill, 1949 (L.A. Bill No. 32 of 1949), as passed by the Legislative Assembly be passed into law'."

The motion was put and carried and the Bill was passed into law.

(10) THE MOTOR VEHICLES (MADRAS AMENDMENT) BILL, 1949 (L.A. BILL NO. 47 OF 1949).

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI :—" Sir, I move—

'*that the Motor Vehicles (Madras Amendment) Bill,* 1949 *(L.A. Bill No.* 47 *of* 1949*), as passed by the Legislative Assembly, be taken into consideration.*'

Sir, some time ago this House gave permission to the Government to review appeals entertained by the Central Road Traffic Board and disposed of by them. Under section 64-A of the Motor Vehicles Act, a very large number of applications are being filed before Government. The powers of revision conferred by that section were intended to be exercised only in exceptional cases where there had been grave miscarriage. We think that some fee must be levied so that there will be a judicious utilization of that section.

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Now, anybody and everybody who is aggrieved by the Central Road Traffic Board's decision is coming before Government as a sort of reviewing tribunal, and they have become so numerous to entertain and to scrutinize properly that Government think of taking power to levy a fee on such applications. That is all this Bill seeks to do, and I request the Bill may be taken into consideration at once."

THE DEPUTY PRESIDENT :—" The motion is—

'that the Motor Vehicles (Madras Amendment) Bill, 1949 (L.A. Bill No. 47 of 1949), as passed by the Legislative Assembly, be taken into consideration'."

The motion was put and carried.

Clauses 2, 1 and the preamble were put and carried.

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI :—" Sir, I beg to move—

'*that the Motor Vehicles (Madras Amendment) Bill*, 1949, *(L.A. Bill No.* 47 *of* 1949), *as passed by the Legislative Assembly, be passed into law*'."

THE DEPUTY PRESIDENT :—" The motion is—

'that the Motor Vehicles (Madras Amendment) Bill, 1949 (L.A. Bill No. 47 of 1949), as passed by the Legislative Assembly be passed into law'."

The motion was put and carried and the Bill was passed into law.

The House adjourned to meet again the next day at 11 a.m.

V.—PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE HOUSE.

1. *Bills as passed by the Assembly and received therefrom in the Council*—

(i) *The Places of Public Resort (Amendment) Bill*, 1949 *(L.A. Bill No.* 39 *of* 1949).

(ii) *The Madras Commercial Crops Markets (Second Amendment) Bill*, 1949 *(L.A. Bill No.* 40 *of* 1949).

(iii) *The Madras Prohibition (Second Amendment) Bill*, 1949 *(L.A. Bill No.* 41 *of* 1949).

(iv) *The Madras Prohibition (Amendment) Bill*, 1949 *(L.A. Bill No.* 42 *of* 1949).

(v) *The Madras Tuberculosis Sanatoria (Regulation of Buildings) Amendment Bill*, 1949 *(L.A. Bill No.* 43 *of* 1949).

(vi) *The Madras Educational Institutions (Requisition of Property) Bill*, 1948 *(L.A. Bill No.* 25 *of* 1948).

(vii) *The Madras City Police (Amendment) Bill*, 1949 *(L.A. Bill No.* 45 *of* 1949).

(viii) *The Madras Estates Land (Reduction of Rent) Amendment Bill*, 1949 *(L.A. Bill No.* 46 *of* 1949).